Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts)*.—I do not think any further information will serve any public purpose.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellyi)*.—Is it in fixed deposits or in short term deposits?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts)*.—Some are on long term loans, some in fixed deposits both for short and long periods.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North)*.—Do both the kinds give you the same rate of interests?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts)*.—I have already answered the question.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North)*.—I do not ask you the rate of interest.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts)*.—I have already answered that point, namely no further information can be given.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—May I know whether the investments are favourable to Government?

Mr. President.—It brings about Rs. 25,000 more. I have said that more than once in this House.

Departments in which pay not personal.

277. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the departments in which the pay of the officers is not personal;

(b) whether the pay in the Anchal Department is to the place or personal;

(c) (i) what is the practice in the British Postal Department and the Travancore Anchal Department;

(ii) will there not be savings in the travelling allowance and transit pay if the pay is made personal?

Mr. P. V Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts)*.—(a) As a rule, in most of the Departments pay is attached to the person in certain cases and to the place in other cases, e. g., Land Revenue, Agriculture, Panchayat, Co-operative,

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Excise, Forest, Registration, Anchal, Huzur, Account Department, Law and Justice Department, Jail, Police, Education, Medical, Public Health, Military, Public Works, State conveyances, Income-tax, Devaswam.

Pay is mostly to the place in the following cases:—Stamp Office, Tramway, Special Palace Office, Customs, Charities, Ayurveda, Museum, Zoo, Stoneware Factory and Uplift of the Depressed Classes.

(b) It is to the place.

(c) (i) Government have no information.

(ii) There cannot be much savings as even otherwise transfers are necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Do the Government admit that there will be some savings if the pay is made personal?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Comptroller of Accounts*).—There may be some savings.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—My information is that the pay in the Post and Anchal offices is personal. Will the Government consider to make this personal here also since there will be some savings at least?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Comptroller of Accounts*).—If there are any such instances Government will enquire and take necessary action.

Fishing industry—improvement of.

278. **Mr. M. A. Sankunni** (*Nominated*).—"The fishing industry is recognised in all the civilised countries as a necessary compliment of the agricultural industry in that it supplements appreciably the food supply of the poor population who form the bulk of the agriculturists of the country". With reference to the above extract occuring in the Diwan's order dated 11th October 1907 will the Government be pleased to state the steps or attempts they have made in order to carry out what is contemplated in the same?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—Government are making every effort to improve the fishing industry in the State consistent with limitations of finance.

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